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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Second Form PTO-1449, a copy of the reference listed thereon, and a copy of a Hungarian Search Report issued in a corresponding Hungarian application on April 18, 2002 (with English translation).
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, to the best knowledge of the undersigned attorney.
- 3) The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, as seen from the Hungarian Search Report date of April 18, 2002. Moreover, the enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of reference AG by category (A = document defining the state of the art).

Thereby, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance has been satisfied (see M.P.E.P. §609).

- 4) Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 5) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 25 to 47 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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